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Re German S.S. (S.D.) units, FINLAND, July 43
The Sicherheitsdienst Organisation in Finland

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Source has been able to discover the names of various individuals connected with this Helsinki organization. The senior officer appears to be Carl Axel Johan GADGEL, who has previously been reported as head of the I.S. According to source, BROSS has recently been in hospital and during his absence, his deputy is believed to have been JAMES. JAMES was in 1938 the head of the I.S. in Helsinki. JAMES is reportedly the head of the I.S. (formerly the Gestapo unit) of the S.D. (1937-38).

It is believed that BROSS has been in Finland since September 1942 and is in close touch with Carl Axel Johan GADGEL, a Finnish national born 14.11.33 at Esbo whose address is Predagatan 13A, Helsinki (Telephone: Helsinki 64870) and who is Chairman of the Finnish Chamber of Commerce.

The organization is interesting itself in the visit of Generalleutnant Hugo von OSTERMANN ex-C. in C. of the Finnish army, to Berlin and BROSS is himself reported to have told OSTERMANN that his duties in Finland are those of an intelligence officer and political observer for the Reichsführer S.S. HIMMLER.

It is possible that the organization makes use of the O.T. (Organisation Todt) for intelligence purposes, and a certain S.S. Führer FRANZIUS is shortly arriving in Helsinki in place of VIERBOUTS and HERZBERG, two O.T. members with whom the organization was in touch.

In Berlin the organization is in contact with Hauptsturmführer Arthur BROENKOW who in 1938 was reported as a member of the Germanische Kampfbund. It is also in touch with, not subordinates to, the Germanische Kampfbund who is head of the S.S. Hauptamt.

In Reval, the organization works closely with SANDERSON, the head of the Sicherheitsdienst in Estonia. It is significant that SANDERSON is on excellent terms with Vicekonsul Radabov (deputy Consul) and Head of the Finnish Consulate (containing espionage). And it appears possible that BROSS and Radabov also cooperate very closely.

It has further been learnt that the organization has succeeded in recruiting various well-placed sources, not all of whom are necessarily conspicuous. Source believes that a certain woman employee in the American Legation in Helsinki is working for the Germans as well as an employee of the Brazilian Legation in the same city.

Information is also obtained from Samuel HASLOVAT, a prominent figure in the Finnish Zionist movement whose address is Uudenmaankatu 59A, Helsinki (Telephone: Helsinki 32 72 5). Source has further found out that a certain Marja and her father are to be employed by the Germans; it is not known in what capacity, and source is continuing his enquiries.

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Reported linked with German S.S. units in Finland
The Sicherheitsdienst in Estonia

A most reliable source has provided an outline picture of this organization.

(a) The official head of the Sicherheitsdienst is S.S. Oberführer MOLLER who is attached to Generalleutnant LIETZMANN. The executive head is however S.S. Sturmbannführer Dr. SANDERSON.

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(b) Under SANDBERGER there are District Chiefs (in Parnu, Tartu, Tallinn, Narva, etc.). These appear to correspond to the Estonian police prefectures.

(c) The Tartu District organisation may be taken as typical. Under the District Chief, Dr. SEITZ, is a staff composed mainly of Estonians. There is also a local Estonian District organisation which is officially independent of the Germans but is nevertheless under the control of the German district chief.

It is through this channel that the political departments of the Estonian police prefectures are given orders by the Germans.

(d) Source emphasises that although there are German police in Estonia they wear special uniforms and do not carry out ordinary police duties. They are believed to be a branch of the S.D. whose duty it is to supervise Germans in Estonia. Personnel are exclusively German.

(e) Source is endeavouring to obtain further details.

It is apparent from the foregoing that the S.D. is present in Estonia in a dual role of political supervision and political intelligence. This accords with what is known of this body. It is justifiable to assume that it has the same function in Finland, with the emphasis rather on the intelligence than on the supervisory side.

It is certain that in any examination of German intelligence organisations in Finland, Estonian conditions must be closely considered. The organisation directed by CHILARIUS is an example of this, although in the case of the Sicherheitsdienst it is perhaps dangerous to press the parallel too far.

It would however seem that any intelligence service in Finland must be considered as part of one organisation which embraces Latvia and Estonia as well.

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